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Roll of Committees

On Finance: Rev. Joseph May, J., Professor George M. James, Brother S. J. Whitaker

On Education: Revs. J. A. Nimmo, N. K. Dunn, J S. Sills, T. L. Bynum, O. M. James

Place of Next Annual Session: Revs. E. L. Fields, P. H. Thorp, H. W. Hyman. Brothers General Purvis, I. R. Bryant, F. B. Barnhill, G. W. Williams

Sunday Schools: Brothers S. R. Venters, E. D. Chism, S. C. Watson, Lewis Short, W. J. Wiggins, Reverends W. R. Augburn, W. B. Bryant, H. C. Cotton

Moderator's Annual Address:	Reverends N. F. Brooks, O. M. James, N. K. Dunn, E. N. Staton, T. V. Foster
Obituary:	Reverends D. W. Dance, T. H. Harris, W. L Armstrong Lewis Williams, Brother T. M. Mills
Resolutions:	Reverends J. H Harris, H. W. Hyman, W. M. Davis, R. P. Peyton, W. C. Smith, J. L. King, N. W. Smith, Brothers R. A. Anthony, W. M. Jones
Appropriations:	Reverends M. B. Spruill, T. L. Bynum, N. F. Brooks, J. A. Nimmo, G A. Moore
Nomination of Officers:	Brethren D. C. Clark, L. D. Jones, General Purvis, F. B. Barnhill, E. N. Staton, J. B. Smith, M. B. Spruill, J. E. J. E. James, O. M. James

Roll of Ministers who Paid Annual Dues of One Dollar :

1	Revs.	W. R. Augburn, (Exempt)	28	Revs	J H Taylor
2	"	C B Branch	29	"	E A Taylor
3	"	N F Brooks	30	"	P H Thorpe
4	"	J H Bratcher	31	"	H T Teele
[5		Henry Cotton	32	"	N T Tucker
6	"	C C Clark	33	"	W R Taylor
7	"	D W Dance	34	"	J. C Scott
8	"	N K Dunn	35	"	S E Baker
9	"	E L Fields	36	"	T L Bynum
10	"	L C Franks	37	"	Joseph May, Jr.
11	"	T W Harris	38	"	W A White
12	"	H W Hyman	39	"	J H Boyd
13	"	J E James	40	"	Charley Langley
14	"	O MJames	41	"	C Spruill
15	"	J L King	42	"	J E Tillett
16	"	J J Leng	43	"	J C Person
17	"	G A Moore	44	"	James Harris, Sr
18	"	W O Moore	45	'[	Elijah Harris
19	"	J A Nimmo	46	"	W L Armstrong
20	"	Jesse B. Smith	47	"	T R Joyner
21	"	W C Smith	48	"	Henry Glass
22	"	T T Shivers	49	"	C H Sharp
23	"	M B Spruill	50	"	W M Davis
24	"	E W Stith	51	"	J B Shields
25	"	C C Staton	52	"	Joseph Highsmith
26	"	E N Staton	53	"	W M Thompson
27	"	N W Smith, (Excused)	54	"	John McKnight

Roll of Deacons and Laymen

D C Clark	L D Jones	Lewis Williams
N R Cofield	R A Anthony	F B Barnhill
E J Sawyer	G W Williams	R C Camell
General Purvis	E D Chism	Joon McKnight
S J Whitaker	W H Venters	Samuel McRay
T M Mills	Ezekiel Davis	J H Carney

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

THIS session began promptly at ten o'clock A. M. Devotions were conducted by Rev. D. W. Dance and Rev. W. O. Moore. Rev. Dance sang: "Am I a soldier of the cross?" and read Scripture from St. Matthew 7th. Prayer by Rev. Moore. Audience joined Rev. Dance in singing, "Come ye that love the Lord."

Our father in the ministry, Rev. M. B. Spruill, led off on fraternal greetings. In a way peculiar to himself, he expressed thanks to God for watching over and guiding him thru the many dangers which had been his to pass, and admonished all to take courage and press on.

Rev. Dance expressed gratitude for meeting the brethren and prayed that much good should result from our meeting.

Deacon L. D. Jones said he had been meeting this association forty years and thanks God that his days had already gone beyond the three score and ten, yet he was still strong in the cause of our Lord and His Christ.

Deacon R. A. Anthony, too, joined in the praise. He said that thru his afflictions God had enabled him to see this day.

Rev. Joseph May, Jr , thanks God for the spirit of fellowship manifested, and asks the prayers of the brethren that he might be strong as his father.

Rev. P. H. Thorpe and several others joined in the praise service.

The moderator, Rev. E. A. Taylor, after appropriate remarks, ordered the business of the day. The program was read and approved.

Roll of churches was called and delegates were enrolled. Visiting ministers were introduced and welcomed among us. The hour for preaching having arrived the regular appointee to preach in the person of Rev. W. L. Armstrong was presented. He ascended the rostrum and announced as text Ephesians 12:13. Subject, "Citizenship in the Kindom."

The high points in his message were: 1, "Strangers to God, and separated from his mercies." 2, "The Man Christ sent to bring us into fellowship." 3, "His great sacrifice." 4," God accepts all who'll come in Christ's name." 5, "The Royal family." His was a great message.

Rev. J. S. Sills sang, "Swing low sweet chariot.,' Rev. T. T. Shivers took financial offering of $3.05. Morning session closed with benediction by Rev. W. L. Armstrong.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON--2:30

Revs. D. A. White and G. A. Moore conducted the devotions. Rev. Moore sang, "Amazing Grace" and read lesson from 10th chapter of Romans. Rev. Henry Cotton offered prayer. Rev. D. A. White lined hymn and sang, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone."

Open session: General condition of our churches was discused. Some helpful information was brought out. Too many churches trying to run without pastors.

Rev. A. A. Smith, Moderator of Bear Creek Association, was introduced. He brought greetings and told about the work of his association. Rev. J. H. Tillett, Moderator of East Roanoke Association, gave words of cheer. Rev. A. B. Fulford, Moderator of Hyde County Association, brought greetings. Committees were appointed. (See roll of committees.) Annual dues were collected. Revs. T. W. Harris and J. H. Taylor took the financial offering.

Public collection, $2, annual dues, $2, total $4.00.

Benediction.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION—7:30

The evening session was in the hands of the local committee. Miss Stella M. Dixon was Mistress of Ceremonies. Choir sang, "Jesus calls us over the tumult."

Rev. W. M. Davis led in prayer. At close, "Hear our prayer, O Lord," was chanted. The choir then sang, "The King's Business." Rev. W. M. Davis read scriptures from Romans 8. Prayer by Rev. Henry Cotton.

Mistress of Ceremonies presented those who were to give the remarks of welcome as follows:

On behalf of ministers of the town by Rev. J. C. Person
On behalf of the churches of the city Mrs. G. L. Reed
On behalf of Pastor's Aid Club by Mrs. Edith Wilson
On behalf of the Sunday School by Miss Stella M. Dixon

On behalf of the church by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Lang

Choir sang, "Loyalty to Christ."

On behalf of the white Baptist church by Rev. E. H. Cannady. He emphasizes the need of better understanding between the races, and a more sympathetic spirit. What is good for one race is good for the other, and that in these times both races must work together.

Rev. N. F. Brooks responded to the addresses. He said this is no time for differences of any kind. There must be a solid front against the common enemy. The choir sang, "Let Jesus be your friend."

The Vice-Moderator, Rev. C. C. Staton, presented the Moderator, Rev. E. A. Taylor, who at this time delivered his annual address. Motion carried that the address be put into the hands of a special committee on Moderator's Address. (See committees.)

Rev. M. B. Spruill sang, "Never grow old." Rev. J. A. Nimmo, the regular appointee to preach the Educational sermon, ascended the rostrum and asked the audience to study with him from First Chronicles 29:5.

All hearts were set on fire; for a while we were on the Mount of Transfiguration. Rev. C. B. Branch offered fervent prayer. Collection was taken by Rev. N. F. Brooks.

Table collection $11.00, Annual dues 18.50, total $29.50

Benediction by Rev. J. A. Nimmo.

SATURDAY MORNING—10:00

Rev. E. W. Stith sang, "I love Thy Church, O God." Rev. J. B. Shields read scriptures from 40th Psalms. Rev. T. L. Bynum offered prayer. Rev. Stith lined hymn, "Father, I Stretch my hands to Thee."

Minutes of previous session were read and adopted. Roll of ministers and deacons was called and annual dues were collected. New ministers were given the hand of fellowship.

Collection from annual dues $26.00.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON—3:00

Rev. Elijah Harris lined hymn and audience sang, "Amazing Grace." Rev. T. L. Bynum read scripture lesson from 15th Psalms. Prayer by Rev. W. B. Bryant. Audience sang "Down at the Cross where my Saviour Died." Minutes were read and approved. The following committees report-

ed: On Education, on Sunday Schools, on Moderator's Address, on Nomination of Annual Officers, on Place of next Annual Session, on the Executive Board, on Obituary.

After some discussion—PRO AND CON—on some reports, the reports were approved. See reports elsewhere in these proceedings.

A letter from Little Witness Church was read. The secretary was asked to answer the same.

A letter bearing words of greetings from Rev. W. M. Wiggins, Moderator Emeritus, Philadelphia, Pa., was read. The Association received the same with much joy and goodwill.

Because of the extended session no offering was taken at this time. Benediction by Rev. N. F. Brooks.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION—7:30

Rev. J. E. James read scripture lesson from 3rd chapter of St. John. Rev. E. L. Fields led us to a throne of grace. Rev. M. B. Spruill sang a sweet anthem.

Rev. C. C. Staton, the regular appointee to preach the annual sermon ascended the rostrum and chose John 3:16 as text. In his message we were asked to see Jesus. 1st, as God's best gift to the world; 2nd, as one who owed no debt, therefore, was able to pay our debt; 3rd, as the living One.

All were lifted, and Rev. E L. Fields sang, "I am so glad I am here." Collection as follows:

Public colliction $5.16, Annual dues $1, total $6.16,

SUNDAY—9:30 A. M.

Associational Sunday School was conducted by Prof. G. M. James. Lesson Topic: "Saul in Tarsus." Brother W. H. Venters canvassed the lesson.

Preaching service began at 11 s'clock. Devotions were conducted by Revs. M. B. Spruill and N. K. Dunn. Rev. Spruill read scripture from 10th chapter Paul's letter to the Romans. Rev. Dunn offered prayer. Audience then joined the choir in song, "I heard the Voice of Jesus Say, etc."

The Vice-Moderator, Rev. C. C. Staton, extended greetings and a cordial welcome to visitors in the audience. He then introduced the Moderator, Rev. E. A. Taylor, who was the appointee to preach the doctrinal sermon. Rev. Taylor selected text from Matt. 28:18. He empha-

sized, 1st, the truth of the resurrection as learned by the soldiers; 2nd, as learned by His disciples; 3rd, His promise—it is hinged upon "Go!" 4th, He gave his promise power. His was a message of truth, hope and inspiration. Rev. J. L King took the offering :

Public collection $8 65, annual dues $3.25. total $11.90.

SUNDAY—2:30 P. M.

Session began at 2:30. Rev. J. L. King sang "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and read scripture 15th chapter I Cor. Rev. J. E. James offered fervent prayer. The Moderator then introduced Rev. M. B. Spruill. who at this time eulogized the lives of our comrades who had been called out of rank since our last Association. They were Revs. H. H. Hall, R. H. Pruden, West Early and Deacon General Jones. Rev. Spruill made us see that death to the Christian is but a release from bondage and that our departed had entered into the rest that God through Christ had prepared for all who will accept. Then he took us on a flight and closed.

Junior choir from Sycamore Hill Baptist church rendered music for the afternoon. Collection $4 02.

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION—CLOSE.

(Missionary Sermon)

Met at usual time. Choir sang "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ and righteousness." Prayer by Rev. W. R. Augburn. Anthem by choir and Sister .....Thrower.

Song "We Praise Thee O Lord." Rev. J. E. James read a portion of the 6th chapter of St. Matthew. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Person. Song

Rev. E. L. Fields was presented to the audience by the Moderator, Rev. E. A. Taylor, to preach the Missionary sermon. Rev. Fields announced as text Matthew 6:10—"Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Subject "Christ's Kingdom."

The minister strongly pressed the importance of praying seriously to God for the coming of His Spiritual kingdom among men. He showed great interest in the discourse.

The collection was $2 25. Song "Blest be the tie that binds."

There was donated to Rev. W. R. Augburn from the

mission fund the amount of $1. To a blind sister was donated 50c.

Benediction by Rev. E. L. Fields.

Moderator's Annual Address

Rev. E. A. Taylor's Annual Address to the O. E. M. Baptist Association at Ayden, N. C., October, 1933

To the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association, in annual business session assembled—Greeting:

Dear Brethren and Co-laborers in the great work of Kingdom Building:—A kind Providence has permitted us to assemble once more in His name.

We should feel very thankful to our Father for the blessings of the past, and those attendant unto us now.

We have come thru as it were, perilous times. But the strong arm of a Mighty God has supported us, and the mystic hand of a kind Providence has led us, and is still directing our steps.

Let us watch diligently and pray fervently that we fail Him not.

There is no age revealed in the annals of history when Truth, Courage and Christian patriotism are more to be proclaimed from the house tops than today.

THE MISSION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Lest we forget, may I call your attention to the functions our body:—

We are not to engage in all kinds of traffic nor buy all kinds of commodities That which we are to receive and give was taught thruout the regions of Palestine, enunciated from the foot hills of Olivet and sealed on Calvary.

I fear that the pollutions of materialism have slipped into the veins of human thought and caused us to lose the truth of the great commission.

When we shall have understood this divine injunction, and as messengers of the Cross, be the means by which this truth shall be taught and preached in all the world, there our mission ends.

I, therefore, beg of you that you let your minds be transformed thru and by the Great Head of the Church, that this truth may be taught in every nook and corner of this globe, and that our Christ be glorified.

THE MINISTRY

Brethren, let us keep in mind that a consecrated ministry is the need of the hour.

I am jealous of the opinion that as ambassadors of Christ we border too closely upon the steps of material ism.

We represent Christ and Kingdom building, therefore, let me plead with you, that there must be a line drawn between us and the world, and whatever else may be said, let us represent the city on the hill which cannot be hid.

We must keep in tact the ethical principles of our Christ, where and when He said, "Go ye therefore into all the world, teaching, preaching and baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. And Lo! I am with you all the way even unto the end."

EDUCATION

I am convinced as you are, I'm sure, that we must keep in tact the religious training in our churches, especially as it relates to the training of the junior church.

Rememeber the Biblical mandate, teach, as well as preach.

We would hardly be worthy of our name did we not foster the educational interests of our church.

Let us not stagnate the stream from which flows the living waters of intellectual training.

We have in the State of North Carolina a Baptist college, namely: Shaw University, of which every Baptist minister worthy of his name should be justly proud.

The hour has come, the dye is cast, we must measure up, or shut up. There is no neutral ground.

BUSINESS

"The King's business requires haste." The program of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ includes as we do know, a business as well as an intellectual and religious program.

I fear that we, as ministers, are too lax respecting this feature of our Lord's work.

Much of the Lord's business in our churches is run too much in a haphazard way, for the lack of a business mind.

This, I think, accounts for the disorganization of the local program, low salaries or no salary for the pastorate,

and a shiftless membership, especially as it relates to the Junior church.

Let me fervently plead with you, that there be a calling back to the colors of Emmanuel, especially as it relates to the youth of our denomination.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that our churches thruout the bounds of this Association, pay better salaries to their pastors, and a more liberal financial support for their church maintenance, and demand a higher standard of righteous living and a greater degree of appreciation respecting leadership.

2. I recommend secondly, that we bring up to this Association annually the sum of not less than $100.00 for Shaw University; and $100.00 for our Baptist secondary school the Roanoke Institute, at Elizabeth City, N. C.; $50.00 for Home Missions; $50.00 for Foreign Missions; $50.00 for our Orphan Asylum.

3. I recommend finally and last, that every minister pastoring within the bounds of this Association shall feel ethically obligated to support the objects for which this Association stands.

Report of Executive Board

Ayden, N. C., Sept. 30, 1933

The Executive Board of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association was called to order by the chairman, Rev. M. B. Spruill. The first matter of importance that claimed our attention was to examine our treasurer. Brother T. M. Mills was brought before the Board and gave to us briefly the condition of the treasury. He stated that he was indebted to the Association to the amount of eighty-seven dollars ($87), and also signed a note that he (T. M. Mills) would pay the same on or before the first day of January, 1934. A motion prevailed to that respect. It was moved and seconded that there should not be any money paid out of the Association without being passed upon by an appropriation committee. It was moved and seconded that the members of the Board be paid one way of railroad fare and two dollars per day while the Association is in session. It was moved and seconded that there will be a mid-year session of the Association at the Kehukie Baptist Church Tuesday after the third Sunday in May, 1934. It was moved and seconded that each church bring two dollars to this session. It was moved and

seconded that there will be a three period instruction given during the day by some able divine to instruct the young ministers of our Association.

A report came to the Executive Board that there was a new union recently organized by Rev. W R. Taylor and others existing in the bounds of the Western District Union. After calling the president in question concerning the new union the Executive Board advised the president of the said Union, Rev. W. R. Taylor, to cease to operate his Union and meet the Western District Union at its next sitting Friday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1933.

We adjourned for dinner.

Second day afternoon session began on time and was called to order by the chairman. The minutes of the forenoon session were read and adopted. Next the letters from various churches were read, recommending applicants to the Board to be examined for ordination. It was moved and seconded that the applicants would be received It was also moved and seconded that Brother T. H. Brooks would become a licentiated minister of this Association

The following applicants came before the Board; Brothers Wm. Thompson, J. B. Shields, J. A. Boyd, Henry Glass. After giving them a thorough examination it was moved and seconded that the applicants be referred to further study, and this Board will notify the churches that are asking us to ordain Bro. White and Bro. Thompson that they are not prepared to take care of a Baptist church, and that the said churches will send them up to us during the Mid-year session.

Done by order of the Executive Board:

Revs. M. B. Spruill, Chairman; O. M. James, N. F. Brooks, J. J. Lang, E. L. Fields, T. T. Shivers, J. A Simmo, N. K. Dunn, J. H. Taylor, J. E. James, H. W. Hyman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Education

We, your Committee on Education, beg to submit the following report:

1st. Having a general knowledge of the educational condition in the State, we recommend that we go on record as supporters of a new educational leadership, and work for a greater success in the educational field.

We recommend that we renew our support to Shaw University and the Roanoke Institute, State and Foreign Missions, remembering that we are the light of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Revs. J. A. Nimmo, Chairman; N. K. Dunn, J. S. Sills, O. M. James, T. L. Bynum.

Sunday Schools

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, report as follows: Since among us our only school of religion is the Sunday School. We recommend that each church shall see that the teachers in their respective Sunday Schools are capable of imparting the truth of the scriptures to the young minds.

We further recommend a special department of teacher training in each church.

Bros. E. D. Chism, S. A. Watson, Revs. W. R. Augburn, H. C. Cotton, W. B. Bryant, Committee.

Moderator's Address

Whereas, the Moderator has made certain financial recommendations relative to annual contributions for educational purposes to Shaw University and Roanoke Institute, therefore, be it Resolved, that in event the Association should fail to collect sufficient funds to carry out these recommendations as promulgated by the Moderator and accepted by the Association; that the total amount collected for such purpose shall be proportionately divided between the two schools each year.

We have carefully considered other parts of our honored Moderator's Address and do recommend the adoption of the same.

Signed.

Revs. N. F. Brooks. N. K. Dunn, O. M. James, E. N. Staton, J. E. Tillette, Committee.

Obituary

We find that our ranks have been broken since the last sitting of our Association. These have answered the last roll call:

Revs. H. H. Hall, Scotland Neck; K. W. Pruden, Farmville; West Early, Aulander; Deacon General Jones, Scotland Neck.

Revs. D. W. Dance, W. L. Armstrong, J. H. Harris; Brothers Lewis Williams, T. M. Mills, Committee.

Place of Meeting

We, your Committee, recommend that the Association shall hold its next session with the Ware Creek Baptist Church, Blount's Creek, N. C., Rev. H. W. Hyman, Pastor.

Revs. E. L. Fields, P. H. Thorpe, H. W. Hyman; Brothers I. R. Bryant, F. B. Barnhill, G. Purvis, G. W. Williams.

Financial Report

Collections as follows:

From Public	$ 36 13
" Annual dues	60 75
" Church Letters	183 65
" Subsequent payment from T. M. Mills	87 00
Total Collections from all Sources	$367 53

DISBURSEMENTS

To the Executive Board	$68 55		
" Moderator, Rev. E A. Taylor	20 00		
" Vice " " C. C. Staton	10 00		
" Clerk C. C. Clark	8 00		
" For Church Letters	2 00		
" Asst. Secretary, J. H. Stephenson	5 00		
For Minutes	50 00		
" Shaw University	10 00		
" Roanoke Institute	10 00		
" Compiling Minutes	10 00		
" Emergency Fund	10 00		
" Trustees	3 00		
" Finance Committee	4 50		
To Rev. E. L. Fields	1 00		
" Brother S. J. Whitaker	1 00		
" " G M. James	1 00		
" Rev. J. J. Lang	10 00		
" " J. A. Nimmo	1 50		
" " W. L. Armstrong	1 50		
For Programs	5 00		
" Stationery	1 00		
Total Disbursements	$233 05	$233 05	
Balance		$134 48	
Paid for printing minutes		$60 00	
Last Balance to Date		74 48	

Constitution and By-Laws

AS REVISED AND AMENDED IN 1932 SESSION

Article 1. The name of this organization shall be The Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association of North Carolina.

Art. 2. This organization shall be composed of ordained and licensed ministers, churches and delegates appointed by the churches holding membership in this body. Each church being entitled to from one to five delegates.

Art. 3. The object of this Association shall be to promote the Kingdom of God on earth. In order to the better obtain this end, we shall give regularly and consistently to our own race-controlled and denominationally owned school of religious training, Shaw University, and make whatever donations we deem advisable to any other school; give to Home and Foreign Missionary effort and create a fund for superanuated ministers, who have spent themselves in the cause represented in our Association. This superanuated fund is to represent a definite donation from our various churches and other voluntary sources, and shall be separate and apart from all other funds and expended or issued by the Executive Board.

Art. 4. The Officers of this Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, to be elected annually by the Association.

Art 5. The duties of the officers shall be as follows: The Moderator shall enforce observance of the Constitution, preserve order in presiding over meetings, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give a final decision on all questions of disputed nature, after others have spoken and cast the deciding ballot in case of a tie. But if there is dissatisfaction with his decision a two-third vote of the delegations present may appeal therefrom to the house for final settlement. It is the duty of the Vice-Moderator to carry out the functions of the Moderator's office in the Moderator's absence and otherwise assist the Moderator in all matters of Association interest.

The Secretary shall faithfully record proceedings of each annual or authorized session, compile and supervise printing and distribution of minutes, make all orders upon the treasury, countersigned by the Moderator, and make an annual report to the Association (in session) of the financial condition of the Association.

The Treasurer shall keep and give an accurate account of all money received and paid out through his office and be ready to report when called upon to do so.

The Association shall have Executive Board of from nine to twelve ordained ministers of the Association who shall carry on the work of the Association when not in session. It shall have discretionary right to disburse funds placed into the treasury for objects stated in the Constittion, as well as receive funds in the name of the Association; and shall make annual report of its doing to the Association. It shall have the power to decide the authority of the Association to revoke the credentials of any of our members who is found to be walking disorderly and to cause such action to be published among Associations of the State, of the same faith and order. All applicants for ordination to the Gospel ministry shall be examined by the Board and recommended to the Association for the same.

There shall be a Trustee Board of from five to nine members. The Moderator aud Vice Moderator shall be ex officio members of both Executive and Trustee Boards. The Trustee Board shall have charge of all material property of the Association and serve in the capacity of trustees in similar organizations.

Art. 6. Beginning with the 1933 session, at no time shall the operating expense of the Association exceed one-third the amount collected at the annual session, unless an emergency arises which will warrant such expenditure.

Art. 7. A church of this body, corrupt in doctrine and practice, after Gospel steps have been taken, vainly, to reclaim her, shall no longer be regarded as a member of this body, and the same shall be printed in our minutes.

A church formerly a member of this body, and failing to represent in this Association two consecutive years, having been visited with suitable admonition, failure the third year shall automatically drop such a church from the roll without notice.

Art. 8. No difficulty arising in any church of this membership shall be considered by this Association until the Executive Board has opportunity to determine whether Gospel steps have been taken by the church first.

Art. 10. No minister having applied for ordination to the Executive Board, having failed to "pass" and who seeks and secures ordination in some other way, shall be recognized by this Association as a member of this body.

Art. 11. Each church of this Association shall be required to collect from each of its members the amount of 25 cents for the objects of the Association, and report same with its letter to the Association.

Art. 12. Any brother finding dissentions in a brother minister's church, who attempts to aid or abet such dissentions, through interference, shall be dealt with by the Association.

Art. 13. The following sermons shall be preached each year at the session of this Association: Annual, Missionary, Educational, Doctrinal.

Art. 14. Hiscox Church Directory shall be the guide to this body.

Art. 15. This Constitution becomes immediately effective upon adoption.

Art. 16. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session of this Association by a vote of two-thirds of members present.

28 Union Baptist	R. H. Patterson, Ahoskie	W. A. Patillo, Tarboro	W. A. Patillo, G. W. Parker	53	82	135	9	1-3rd			15	$ 1	25
29 St. Stephen	W. J. Gray, Tarboro	Mamie L Williams, Scotland Neck	O. M. James			61	22	2nd		50	$ 1	00
30 Cornerstone, Williamston	D. L. Tillery, Williamston	Mary E. Mazelle, Williamton	O. James	20	82	102	20	1st		40	$ 2	00
31 Kehukie	N. F. Brooks, Plymouth	S A. Watson, Scotland Neck	D. C. Clark, Ezekiel Davis	250	500	750	20	3rd		115	$ 8	00
32 Mt. Olive	B. W. Dance, New Bern	Alexander Hill, New Bern	D. W. Dance	20	35	58	2	2nd		35	$ 6	00
33 Mt. Shiloh	Wiley Battle (?)	P. S. Good, Winterville	J. O. Smith	5	15	20		2nd			$ 1	00
34 Sycamore Hill	J A. Nimmo, Greenville	G. R. Whitfield, Greenville	J. A. Nimmo. F. B. Barnhill	125	325	500	50	All		150	$10	00
35 Mt. Calvary	M. B. SPruill, New Bern	W. M. Sykes, New Bern	Geo. Jones	100	200	300	12	All		100	$12	00
36 Triumph	M. S. Sills, Ahoskie	J. P. Little, Pactolas	B B Hardy			100	6	3rd		75	$ 5	00
37 Mt. Olive	H. W. Hyman, Pactolas	Ella Ebron, Pactolas	H. W. Hyman	6	6	12	3	1st		10	$ 1	75
38 White Oak	Elijah Harris, Greenville	J. E. Hawkins, Grimesland	J. E Hawkins	31	84	115	7	2nd		30	$ 5	00
39 Mt. Olive (Ayden)	J. J. Lang, Greenville	Stella Dixon, Ayden	J J. Lang	35	50	91	6	4th		75	$ 2	00
40 Endstreet	E. L. Field, Palmyra	W. C. Smith, Hobgood	E. L. Field	60	85	145		2nd		60	$ 3	50
41 St. Peter	M. B. Spruill, New Bern	J. H. Flemming, Greenville	Lewis Short	50	120	170	12	4th		50	$ 5	00
42 Gullfield	T. T. Shivers, New Bern	J. D. Blount, New Bern	T. T Shivers	46	85	130	4				$ 4	50
43 Mt. Pilgrim	J. E. James, Palmyra	Edna Sherrod, Hobgood	J. E James	60	120	186	6	2nd			$ 5	00
44 Philippi	Elijah Harris, Greenville	H. P Parker, Greenville	W. J. Wiggins	75	175	250	30	1st			$ 5	00
45 Batts Chapel	T. V. Foster, Rocky Mount	M. Shelley, Tarboro	T. V. Foster			101	22	4th			$ 3	00
46 Ware Creek	H. W. Hyman, Pactolas	G. W. Williams, Blount Creek	G. W. Williams	39	75	114	3	4th		40	$ 5	00
47 Moore Chapel	E N. Staton, Greenville	G. A. Moore, Bonnerton	W. H. Moore, G. A. Moore	17	19	36	1	4th			$ 1	50
48 St. Mary	Julius Clark, New Bern	Mrs. M. C. Lee, Cove City	W. M. Lee	15	25	46	6	1st			$ 2	00
49 St. Elizabeth	J. J Lang, Greenville							3rd			$ 1	25

Churches in 1937 — 49; in 1921, 62

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	Churches	Pastors and P. O. Address	Clerks and Postoffice Address	Delegates	Males	Females	Total	Additions	Sabbath of Preaching	Sunday School Scholars	Amount Sent to Association
1	Free Union	R. C Clark Scotland, Neck	Bertha Bullock, Tarboro R.	R. C Cromwell			32		1st	18	$ 2 00
2	Zion Chapel	H. W. Hyman, Pactolas	Mary Stancill, Bethel	N. Cromwell	6	7	13				$ 3 00
3	St. James Temple	H. W. Hyman, Pactolas	Thad R. Wimberley, Tarboro	J. R. Leggett, L. D. Jones	30	80	110	22	2nd	50	$ 3 00
4	Little Witness	J. A. Styles, New Bern	Mrs L. C, Willouby, Havelock	By Letter	31	29	60		1st		$ 7 85
5	St. Paul	W. D. Owens, Colombia	B. E Williams, Tarboro	C. B Branch			150		2-4th		$ 1 50
6	White Chapel	W. M. Davis, Tarboro	Mattie Harris, Speed	W. M. Davis	51	71	122	1	2nd		$ 2 00
7	Mt. Gilead	H. W. Hyman, Pactolas	H. B. Smith, Scotland Neck	J. B. Shields					3rd		$ 2 75
8	Roanoke Zion		Gatcey Whitmore, Palmyra	W M. Thompson			52		3rd		$ 1 50
9	Spring Garden	W H. Bryant, Washington	J. A. Peyton, Washington	W. H. Venters	40	75	115	5	2-4th	140	$ 3 00
10	Anderson Chapel	N. K. Dunn, Tarboro	John H. Redmond, Macclesfield	John H. Redmond	21	44	65	3	1st	50	$ 2 00
11	Jones Chapel	C. F Green, Palmyra	S. L. Williams, Palmyra	W. M Thompson			200		4th		$ 3 00
12	Cherry Hill	J. C. Scott, Rocky Mount	Mrs. Annie Young. Speed	John McKnight	49	128	177	18	3rd		$ 3 00
13	First Baptist, New Bern	T. L. Bynum, New Bern, R3	J. R. Bryant, New Bern	J. R. Bryant	40	80	120	7	All	100	$ 4 00
14	Mary Chapel		W. B Smith, Scotland Neck	Lewis Williams	225	275	528	28	1st		$10 00
15	Antioch		S. J Whitaker, Enfield R.	E. D. Chism	40	70	110	25	1st	55	$ 2 50
16	Hayes Chapel	W. L. Armstrong, Pactolas	Mrs. Dora Chance, Pactolas	W. L. Armstrong			100		2nd	40	$ 5 00
17	Riddick Chapel	E. A. Taylor, Scotland Neck	Luvivia Purvis, Bethel	J. H. Carney, General Purvis	110	230	340	25	1st	68	$ 8 00
18	Cherry Chapel		N. W. Whitehead, Hobgood	Walter Bryant	72	136	210	2	4th		$ 4 10
19	Spring Branch	A. Moore, Blount Creek	Emma J. Morris, Grimesland	Samuel Chapman	16	30	46	4	3rd	30	$ 4 00
20	Craven Corner	V. A. White, Greenville	J. W. Godett, North Harlow	V. A. White	20	30	50	20	3rd	15	$ 6 00
21	Cornerstone	J. E. Tillett, Edenton	Geo. L Jenkins, Greenville	J E Tillett	50	90	148	12	1 3rd	50	$ 4 20
22	Macedonia, (Tarboro)	N. W. Smith, Pactolas	Lucinda Harrison, Tarboro	W. E. Bridgers	9	24	33	1	2nd	30	$ 2 00
23	Macedonia, (Farmville)	O M James, Tarboro	A. L. Joyner, Farmville	J. H. Mave, Sr	40	105	145	7	1-3rd	100	$ 3 00
24	Cedar Grove	J. J. Lang, Greenville	Demus Morris, Grimesland	Demus Morris	22	43	71	6	2nd	20	$ 3 50
25	Sycamore Chapel	J. H. Harris, Greenville	J. H. Adams, Greenville	Peter Perkins	70	80	150	15	3rd	30	$ 2 00

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